

# Senate Study Bill 1093

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for certain  
2 motor trucks.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.109, subsection 1, unnumbered  
1 2 paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 The annual fee for all motor vehicles including vehicles  
1 4 designated by manufacturers as station wagons, and 1993 and  
1 5 subsequent model years for multipurpose vehicles, except motor  
1 6 trucks with a combined gross weight exceeding three tons,  
1 7 special trucks, motor homes, ambulances, hearses, motorcycles,  
1 8 motor bicycles, and 1992 and older model years for  
1 9 multipurpose vehicles, shall be equal to one percent of the  
1 10 value as fixed by the department plus forty cents for each one  
1 11 hundred pounds or fraction thereof of weight of vehicle, as  
1 12 fixed by the department. The weight of a motor vehicle, fixed  
1 13 by the department for registration purposes, shall include the  
1 14 weight of a battery, heater, bumpers, spare tire, and wheel.  
1 15 Provided, however, that for any new vehicle purchased in this  
1 16 state by a nonresident for removal to the nonresident's state  
1 17 of residence the purchaser may make application to the county  
1 18 treasurer in the county of purchase for a transit plate for  
1 19 which a fee of ten dollars shall be paid. And provided,  
1 20 however, that for any used vehicle held by a registered dealer  
1 21 and not currently registered in this state, or for any vehicle  
1 22 held by an individual and currently registered in this state,  
1 23 when purchased in this state by a nonresident for removal to  
1 24 the nonresident's state of residence, the purchaser may make  
1 25 application to the county treasurer in the county of purchase  
1 26 for a transit plate for which a fee of three dollars shall be  
1 27 paid. The county treasurer shall issue a nontransferable  
1 28 certificate of registration for which no refund shall be  
1 29 allowed; and the transit plates shall be void thirty days  
1 30 after issuance. Such purchaser may apply for a certificate of  
1 31 title by surrendering the manufacturer's or importer's  
1 32 certificate or certificate of title, duly assigned as provided  
1 33 in this chapter. In this event, the treasurer in the county  
1 34 of purchase shall, when satisfied with the genuineness and  
1 35 regularity of the application, and upon payment of a fee of  
2 1 ten dollars, issue a certificate of title in the name and  
2 2 address of the nonresident purchaser delivering the same to  
2 3 the person entitled to the title as provided in this chapter.  
2 4 The provisions of this subsection relating to multipurpose  
2 5 vehicles are effective January 1, 1993, for all 1993 and  
2 6 subsequent model years. The annual registration fee for  
2 7 multipurpose vehicles that are 1992 model years and older  
2 8 shall be in accordance with section 321.124.  
2 9 Sec. 2. Section 321.122, subsection 1, unnumbered  
2 10 paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:  
2 11 The annual registration fee for truck tractors, road  
2 12 tractors, and motor trucks with a combined gross weight  
2 13 exceeding three tons, except motor trucks registered as  
2 14 special trucks, shall be based on the combined gross weight of  
2 15 the vehicle or combination of vehicles. All trucks, truck  
2 16 tractors, or road tractors registered under this section shall

2 17 be registered for a gross weight equal to or in excess of the  
2 18 unladen weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles. The  
2 19 annual registration ~~fee fees~~ for such vehicles or combination  
2 20 of vehicles, except special trucks, ~~shall be~~ are as follows:  
2 21 Sec. 3. Section 321.122, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
2 22 2005, is amended by striking the paragraph.

2 23 EXPLANATION

2 24 This bill revises the method for calculating annual  
2 25 registration fees for motor trucks with a combined gross  
2 26 vehicle weight of three tons or less. Currently, such trucks  
2 27 are registered for an annual fee of \$65, which is reduced to  
2 28 \$55 when the vehicle is more than 10 model years old, \$45 when  
2 29 the vehicle is more than 13 model years old, and \$35 when the  
2 30 vehicle is more than 15 model years old.

2 31 The bill requires that motor trucks with a combined gross  
2 32 weight of three tons or less be registered under the weight  
2 33 and value system that applies to most other motor vehicles.  
2 34 Under that system, registration fees are equal to 1 percent of  
2 35 the value of the vehicle plus 40 cents for each 100 pounds of  
3 1 weight of the vehicle. Registration fees based on weight and  
3 2 value are automatically reduced according to the age of the  
3 3 vehicle beginning when the vehicle is more than five model  
3 4 years old.

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